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In re application of:

S. Thomas Autrey, Gerald J. Posakony and Chen Yu

Application No. 10/001,235

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| For | No. after amendment | No. paid for previously | | Present Extra | Rate | Fee |
| Total Claims | 50 | - 51* | = | 0 | \$9.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Indep. Claims | 25 | - 26** | = | 0 | \$43.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Mult. Dep. Claims Fee (if not previously paid) | | | | | \$145.00 | |
| One-month Extension of Time | | | | | \$55.00 | \$55.00 |
| Two-month Extension of Time | | | | | \$210.00 | |
| Three-month Extension of Time | | | | | \$475.00 | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | | \$55.00 |

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Declaration of Stephen Edward Bialkowski.

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- Applicants petition for an extension of time for the number of months indicated above. If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.
- \triangle A check in the amount of \$55.00 is attached.
- Please charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with filing this amendment and any extension of time, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4550. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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